

Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1 – 8 (canceled)

9. (new) A method for managing a group of network access servers within which group the Multichassis Multilink Point-to-Point Protocol is used, comprising:

managing an address list of the other network access servers in this group by each network access server in this group,

wherein when a new network access server logs onto a group of network access servers, a first message is sent from the new network access server to the network access servers of this group, the network access servers of this group store the address of the new network access server in an address list and send a second message to the new network access server in each case, and the second messages are received and used by the new network access server for creating and storing an address list of all network access servers in this group.

10. (new) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a repetition time is assigned to a network access server in the group, the repetition time specifying the time intervals at which the second message is sent from the network access server in a periodically recurring manner to the other network access servers in the group, and the network access server is deleted from the address lists of the other network access servers in this group if the second message is not received by them before the expiry of the repetition time.

11. (new) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the repetition time is contained in the first message, and this repetition time is stored in a list by the network access servers of this group when a new network access server logs on.

12. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein instead of the second message a fourth message is provided for the periodically recurring notification.

13. (new) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a third message is sent by a network access server in the group to the other network access servers in the group, and the other network access servers in this group delete this network access server from their address lists when they receive this message.

14. (new) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a distribution list address is used for sending the first and/or second and/or third messages and a fourth messages within the group of network access servers, the distribution list address including addresses of at least all network access servers in this group and a message contains an identification of the group.

15. (new) A network access server which includes a device for linking into a group of network access servers and the Multichassis Multilink Point-to-Point Protocol is used within the group, comprising:

- an address list of the other network access servers in this group;
- a device for receiving a first message which indicates the logging on of a new network access server to a group of network access servers;
- a device for storing an address of the new network access server in an address list and the address is contained in the first message;
- a device for sending a second message to the new network access server; and
- a device for receiving second messages and a device for generating and storing an address list of all network access servers in a group, wherein the addresses are contained in the second messages.

16. (new) The network access server as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:

- a device for the periodically recurrent sending of the second message to the other network access servers in the group;
- a device for storing a repetition time which is assigned to a network access server;
- a device for monitoring whether the second message of a network access server was received before the expiry of the repetition time which was assigned to it; and
- a device for deleting a network access server from an address list.

Amendments To The Abstract:

In the English translation document, please amend the section heading at page 18 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method for managing a group of network access servers wherein the Multichassis Multilink Point to Point Protocol is used. An address list of the other network servers of a group is managed for each network access server of said group. According to the invention, the logging on and/or off of a new network access server to or from said group occurs in such a way that an address list of a network access server always includes the current state of the network servers in the group. The invention also relates to a network access server used to carry out the inventive method.--